

made the celebration possible, but I was also amazed by the rich history of the town of Jonesville.

According to the Jonesville Historical Society, the current town of Jonesville was called Allen's Settlement in the 1700's—name after pioneer businessman David Allen.

Allen's Settlement took root near the bluffs that once stood on the south bank of the Yadkin, at the junction of current-day Elm Street—West Main Street and River Road and was surrounded by wilderness, isolated farms and occasional plantations.

David Allen owned an iron ore forge on the Big Elkin Creek, which was supplied with iron ore by the surrounding mountains and foothills. Examples of these types kind of ore mines, also known as "pits," are still found in Jonesville, particularly adjacent to West Main Street, which was once called Iron Works Road.

Most iron ore was transported across the Yadkin River in the shallows until a ferry was constructed near the mouth of Big Elkin Creek, according to the Historical Society. A section of the Old Ford Road is preserved today in Mineral Spring Park.

In 1811, the town that is now Jonesville was initially incorporated as Martinsborough, most likely in honor of North Carolina's recent Governors, Alexander Martin and Josiah Martin.

However, in 1815 the town name was changed to Jonesville in honor of Hardy Jones. Hardy Jones was the son of Samuel Jones, a settler from Virginia who fought in the American Revolution. It was Jones who established the Academy for which early Jonesville was famous. Jones' remains and a marker honoring his life can be found at Jonesville First United Methodist Church, which is also the site of the former Jonesville Male and Female Academy.

The Jonesville Academy was moved from what is modern-day Bermuda Run to Jonesville by Hardy Jones in 1816. By the 1853–54 school year, 150 students attended the academy, coming from every state in the country. The town of Jonesville grew in prominence thanks to the academy and the students it attracted from around the country and the south.

However, soldiers from Union General George Stoneman's cavalry ransacked the school in the spring of 1865. Fortunately, the soldiers missed the academy's prized possession, a bell made of bronze and 99 silver dollars. Today the bell resides atop the Jonesville First United Methodist Church.

According to Moravian journals from the time, Jonesville also likely served as a stop for fugitive slaves trying to escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

The town of Jonesville experienced unprecedented growth after Interstate 77 opened in 1974, and it was consequently named a "Governor's Community of Excellence" in 1980. In 2001, Jonesville merged with the neighboring town of Arlington, which added about 800 people to Jonesville's population and made it the town it is today.

#### BONITA NUANEZ TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bonita Nuanez for her academic, athletic and extracurricular work at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Her outstanding efforts earned her the Threlkeld award, which is given to the top graduating senior each year. She will be the first to receive her diploma at the commencement ceremony and lead the graduating class.

Ms. Nuanez decided to attend CSU-Pueblo to continue her already impressive softball career. Unsurprisingly, she posted magnificent college statistics, including a school record for most career walks and is fifth all time in home runs.

Her impressive achievements on the diamond are overshadowed by her academic success. She was one of the school's top biology students and has spent countless hours assisting her professors in the lab. She also spends much of her free time as a math and science tutor to other students.

In the community, Ms. Nuanez made a noticeable impact, as well. She helped groups such as RakeUp Pueblo, the Special Olympics and the Evolution Softball Camp. In addition, she volunteered as a softball coach at local high schools.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Bonita Nuanez today. Her recognition within the school and the community is well-earned, and I have no doubt that she will continue to have a positive influence on the people of Colorado.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. HARMAR BRERETON

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Dr. Harmar Brereton, who is receiving the B'Nai B'Rith Amos Lodge No. 136 Americanism Award, one of the community's most prestigious public service awards.

As a radiologist, Dr. Brereton has been committed to bringing great change to the medical community in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Brereton established the Department of Radiation Oncology at Mercy Hospital, and with his medical group, Radiation Medicine Associates of Scranton, and the development and management company he founded, Healthcare Management Resources Inc., he established several additional cancer centers in the region. His medical professional service includes the Lackawanna County Medical Society and Pennsylvania Oncology Society, having served as president of both; and the American College of Radiation Oncology, of which he is a founding chancellor. Dr. Brereton is a professor of medicine and assistant dean for development at The Commonwealth Medical College, which is committed to the future of medicine in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

His service to our area reaches beyond the medical community. He has been an active member of the boards of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, the Scranton Area Foundation, the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute (founding chairman), the Countryside Conservancy, WVIA (chairman), the Keystone College Jazz Institute, and the Schemel Forum of the University of Scranton (founder). Dr. Brereton and his wife, Leslie, have two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Harmar Brereton has served our community with distinction. His years of commitment to our area's medical and cultural development should be honored and respected. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Harmar Brereton for his dedication, and in recognizing his receiving of the B'Nai B'Rith Amos Lodge No. 136 Americanism Award.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAY THOMPSON

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call special attention to Dr. Jay Thompson. Dr. Thompson has dedicated 42 years to Birdville Independent School District. He has served in a number of capacities, including: secondary mathematics and business education teacher, junior high and high school track and football coach, high school assistant principal, assistant director in central administration, junior high and middle school principal, and director of athletics. In the course of his time at Birdville ISD, Dr. Thompson was propelled by the desire to see his students "grow, graduate, and become successful citizens in our communities, our nation and throughout the world."

Dr. Thompson's impact on education extends beyond the boundaries of Birdville ISD. He is an active member of the executive board of directors for the Texas Girls' Choir and has participated in the Texas School Improvement Initiative, all while serving as a peer evaluator on the Texas Education Agency accreditation teams. Before that, he functioned as a board director of the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association and served on the UIL Waiver Review Board.

It is Dr. Thompson's work within the schools in conjunction with his service in the community that explains what BIRD's Board President, Joe Tolbert, calls Thompson's "rich knowledge of the district as well as the trust of the staff and community." As Birdville ISD prepares for his retirement, the district can take heart in the fact that Dr. Thompson will remain a stable fixture in the community.

I am honored to have an opportunity to serve Dr. Thompson and all of the individuals that help to educate our young people in the 26th District of Texas. I wish him all the best as he embarks on the next chapter of what has been, thus far, quite an adventure.